

The Arkansas Gazette's editorial policy on taxation and the public schools poses a problem for its readers.

If you're friendly, disposed to take the Gazette's policy at face value, it simply doesn't make sense; and if you're critical, you come up with something more sinister—the suspicion that the Gazette, instead of serving the public interest, is deliberately shadow-boxing with the school question in order to shield the vast property interests of Little Rock from ad valorem tax reform.

Under the title "Schools Could Become a Hot Political Issue", the Gazette published an editorial Sunday lamenting the fact that the legislature failed to provide additional state aid for the schools (the Gazette lost its fight to increase the sales tax from 2 to 3 per cent) and doubting that money can be found at the local district level. Here I quote the Gazette directly:

"For, no matter how you slice it, raising assessments means raising taxes—and that has never been an easy job as the long record of systematic default on local property taxes so well indicates . . .

"There are already reports that some rural districts—which are, of course, hardest hit by the curtailment in state aid—will have to ask for rates as high as 80 mills if they are to maintain their nine-month terms. Even though such a figure doesn't mean much when it is applied to 10 per cent assessments, there is nevertheless ample reason to doubt that local property owners are going to look upon it kindly."

What kind of language is this? Does the Gazette mean to tell us that, confronted by the school emergency, we are to be more solicitous of the feelings of the property-owning citizen than the Gazette was of the non-property-owner when it gratuitously advised the legislature to raise the sales tax?

I would remind the Gazette that while it is crying over the refusal of the legislature to enact a new law we have had on the books for years a property assessment law which only needs public attention and enforcement in order to solve the basic school problem.

When the public school folks abandoned their dependence on local taxation to go "chasing" after illusory state aid they got into trouble—and they won't get out of trouble until they get back to doing the job they're supposed to do at the local level.

Here's what happened to state aid in the years following enactment of the 2 per cent sales tax in March, 1935:

First, the county judges reached in and diverted some of the state money levied for schools.

Then the city mayors got a piece of it.

And finally we learned the thing that shakes all belief in the judgment and impartiality of the Arkansas Gazette—we learned that on top of the school-fund-diversion started by county judges and mayors Big Little Rock herself reached into state-aid to help support the public schools of Arkansas' largest and wealthiest city.

How can the Gazette presume to write words about the public school crisis when the actual import of every editorial is to defend the property interests of Little Rock against paying their just share of the education bill?

At another place in Sunday's editorial the Gazette said it "has for years insisted that assessment reform is basic to the whole tax structure in Arkansas"—but I challenge that statement.

The truth is, the Gazette has never given more than the merest lip-service to assessment reform. Its real thunder has been scrupulously reserved for every tax but the property tax.

Look at the record. The Gazette helped make assessment reform more difficult by advocating abolition of the 18-mill school deadline (Amendment No. 40 of 1948); and when this didn't work out, the Gazette again misled the public schools by advocating an increase in the sales tax in 1951.

I'm not being captiously critical. I am flatly stating the record—and it's diametrically opposed to the record Hope Star has written over the same period of years.

The Star advocated the 2 per cent sales tax in 1934 and 1935—and the law was enacted in March of the latter year—and the Gazette never uttered an editorial word.

The Star tore up the local assessing record in 1934 and 1935, and publicly urged the fixing of values on rent property at 10 times the annual rental—extending the assessment percentage against that figure. This is basic to the whole assessment problem. As far as I know the Gazette never has remotely tackled this problem in its home city and county—yet that's where much of the vested wealth of Arkansas is.

The Star in 1951 opposed further increases in the state sales tax while the property assessment law is being flouted.

I've got just this to say to the school directors and teachers of Memphis and Nevada counties, and wherever else The Star circulates:

"You have all the law you actually

# Hope Star



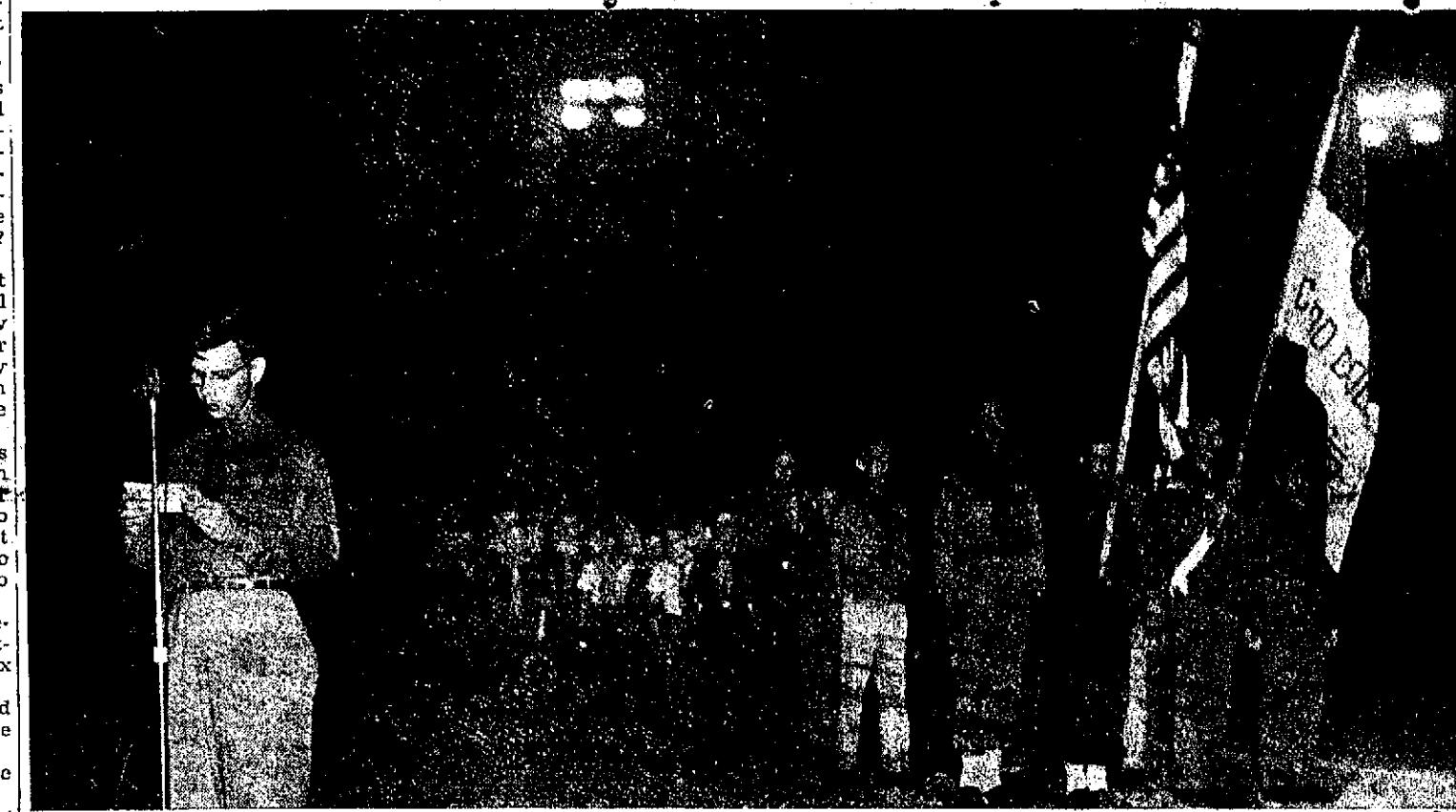
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## American Legion Opens Local Baseball Season Against Nashville With Game Played at Fair Park Friday Night



### Negro Held in Shooting at Fulton

TOP, left to right — Jack Clemens, Magnolia, president Southwest Baseball League; Milton Masey, manager of the Nashville club; Bobby Ellen, Hope manager; Milton Dillard, vice-commander of the Hope Legion post. Nashville won the opener, 4 to 3.

BOTTOM — A Boy Scout flag program preceded the ball game. The scouts are drawn up in front of the grandstand, with Kinard Young at the microphone.

### Shover Springs Wildcat Drilling at 2,200 Feet

Augusta Carrigan, Fulton negro, is being held by local authorities on a charge of assault with intent to kill following a shooting Saturday midnight about 5 miles south of Fulton.

Carrigan, in a statement to local officers, said that he shot John Weatherspoon, negro, with a 20 gauge shotgun after he had pulled a knife during a quarrel with his wife, Fannie Weatherspoon, Carrigan's sister.

Carrigan was arrested about 2:30 a.m. Sunday at his parent's home near Fulton. Sheriff Claud Sutton and Deputy Allen Shipp investigated.

### Miss Harris Honored at Washington, D. C.

It will be of interest of friends to know that Nina Lee Harris, a former student of Hope schools has been elected queen of the Anacostia High School in Washington, D. C. She is also president of the Leader's Club and vice president of the National Honor Society. She is graduating June 14th in class of some 250. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harris whose home is on South Pine Street, Hope and is in Washington D. C. where Mr. Harris is Secretary to Congressman Oren Harris.

It is necessary to solve your financial problems. Get a lawyer and an appraiser and some clerical help and bring in the money.

The non-property-owners are today paying 2 per cent sales tax, but property taxes have risen hardly at all from the pre-sales-tax level. Justice demands that you assess and collect property taxes. Under the law you can go as high as 50 per cent of the market value.

And until you have exhausted local tax resources don't expect further aid from the state. The Arkansas Gazette is a big newspaper but the record shows it is a small prophet. I'm telling the teachers how to be sure of getting a square meal.

Pvt. John A. Rogers, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rogers of Snyder, Texas, formerly of Hope, recently was awarded the combat medical badge for performance of duty in Korea. Young Rogers is with the medical corps of the 17th Infantry Regiment.

Before entering the service Pvt. Rogers attended Blevins High School. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Calhoun of Blevins.

Only 14 states of the Union permit vehicles where their eight feet on streets and highways except under special circumstances.

looking shaggy would help me look tweedy. So I let my hair grow. On the sides, that is—the only place left where it grows.

Tweedy?

"No, dear," said Frances. "You just look like a middle-aged sheep dog going slightly bald."

Then she whistled and snapped her fingers and said, "come here, and I'll pet you."

Pet me? No, sir. Girls don't want to pet real tweedy looking men. They may have a wild desire to rumple them. But pet them? Never.

I was about to give up my dream ashapeless. And then made an astonishing discovery. I found that the ten tweidiest looking fellows I knew all smokes pipes.

Could it be as simple as that? I raced across the street and bought a pipe and some tobacco.

"Well, heaven knows you look about as casual as a laundry bag," Frances said. "You don't look tweedy, dear. Let's face it. You look more like somebody who ran for city alderman—and lost."

Then I got the idea that maybe

### Adonis, 4 Other Big Gamblers Are Sentenced

Hackensack, N. J., May 28 (AP) — Big shot racketeer Joe Adonis was sentenced to two to three years in state prison and fined \$15,000 today for violating New Jersey gambling laws.

It was the first jail sentence ever imposed on the 49-year-old Adonis, who was named by the Senate Crime Committee as one of the nation's most notorious gamblers.

Superior Court Judge J. Wallace Leyden, who imposed sentence, also suspended an additional five-year prison term.

Receiving similar sentences were four New Jersey associates of the dapper, Brooklyn-born underworld figure, Salvatore (Solly Moore) Moretti, 46, of Demarest; James (Piggy) Lynch, 46, of Palisades Park; Arthur Longano, 46, of Englewood, and Anthony Guarini, 58, of Hasbrouck Heights.

All five were accused of operating a plush \$1,000,000 North Jersey dice gambling empire.

They each faced a possible sentence of 18 years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Adonis, whose real name is Joe

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### Youth Center to Hold Informal Open House

The Hope Youth Council will assemble tonight at the Youth Center at eight o'clock to discuss reorganization and enlargement plans for the Hope Youth Program. Youth Center members are holding an Informal Open House.

The Youth Center has been re-painted, new drapes hung, and some additional furniture installed.

Tonight's Open House is being held in honor of George Frazer, Youth Center Director since it's organization, who is leaving to attend the University of Texas.

Clifford Franks, Chairman of the Planning Committee appointed to study the Youth Problem, announced today that recommendations from the committee would be presented to the Council. In addition to Mr. Franks the planning committee is composed of Miss Beryl Henry, Mike Kelly, Syd McMullin and Paul Raley, who are expected to be present at tonight's Open House.

Representatives from the civic groups of the city who comprise the Hope Youth Council and who have been extended an invitation to attend are:

Hope Boys and Girls Club, Roy Anderson.

V. F. W. Auxiliary, Mrs. Hinton Davis.

B. P. W., Miss Beryl Henry, Rotary Club, Albert Graves.

Lions Club, John L. Wilson Jr.

Kiwanis Club, Clifford Franks.

Chamber of Commerce, Jim La Grossa.

P. T. A. Council, Mrs. Jim McKenzie.

Public Schools, Jack Sargent.

City Council, Paul Raley

American Legion, E. P. Young Jr.

V. F. W., Denver Dickinson.

American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. J. W. Jones.

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### Ozan Woman Hit by Car, Leg Is Fractured

Mrs. J. A. Stuart, 46, suffered a badly crushed leg yesterday when she was struck down by an automobile driven by C. M. May, negro of Nashville R. I. 2, on Highway 4 at Ozan.

Mrs. Stuart had just stepped off a bus and was crossing the highway. The bus had traveled about 40 yards, the officers said, when the auto hit the Ozan woman. The car traveled 200 steps before stopping. Guy Downing of the Arkansas State Police said.

Following the accident May was arrested on three charges:reckless driving, no broken and failure to have a driver's license on.

Mrs. Stuart was taken to Little Rock for treatment.

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### Local Man Honored for Musical Ability

Thomas Kinner Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinner, Jr., of Hope, was one of 46 Indians in the University band members to receive the University band's first annual president's award.

The Hope native received a gold

medal, the highest award given

for his musical ability.

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### Ben Wilson Buys Moxie Station

Ben Wilson has purchased the Moxie service station located on Elm Street from Eddie Moore, who announced today the closed last week.

Mr. Wilson has had a

service station

since he moved to Hope

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Waterless

The Waterless car of Eddie

can live five years without

or much change in temperature.

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### Red Resistance Staffs, Many Prisoners Taken

Tokyo, May 28 (UPI) — Communist resistance stiffened to defend United Nations troops pushing them into Red Korea after the war's greatest bag-of-prisoners.

But Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet said the Chinese Communists had lost their nerve and retreated when they couldn't match the U. S. Second Division.

"He (the enemy) lost his nerve. He just quit and headed south," added the U. S. ground commander.

"U. S. Eighth Army headquarters announced 3,000 Reds surrendered Sunday. Another 2,000 were taken last week.

Most of the 5,000 were captured in a great pell-mell trap 20 miles across and ten miles deep to the rear of the iron in the Hwachon area.

With U. S. forces advancing on each side in Injin and Taejon, both are in North Korea.

U. S. forces drove new ground Monday across the Hwachon area already punctured at half a dozen points of the parallel and 10 miles west of Hwachon. Americans moved them on their western flank.

Reds put up stiff resistance Monday, and fought a running battle.

An U. S. Army spokesman attributed the mass surrenders to the "cumulative effect of the long and intense fire to which the enemy was subjected since the start of their last offensive" and the rapid pursuit by U. S. forces which cut off large pockets of the enemy and the Reds' lack of food and disillusionment.

Reds abandoned huge stores of ammunition in their flight.

Reds reported the 20,000-strong central Korea resembled a scene of war last week.

The Allied advance out of Hwachon

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### Tourist Finds Coral Diamonds in Murfreesboro

Kenneth McGuire, 18, of St. Louis, Mo., found a diamond in the rough weighing 1.00 carat at the Diamond Mine, a service of the United

## ARMED Forces Held in Union Trouble

HOPE, May 28 (AP) — B. W. Henshaw, Ark., has agreed to face charges that he and two non-union employees of the plant and he, former operator of oil company, chemical plant, were discharged by Shirley O. H. Wagner, union employee, will be tried in Municipal court in two counts of conspiracy. He is free on \$1,000 bond.

Wages were contained in the bill after a day-long session and a week of strike negotiations until Scott surrendered the institution of the indeterminacy of the public.

Opposed an AFL machine gun battle against the chemical plant. Members of a CIO workers' union had been honored.

Today, John announced it was time to start two non-union employees have reported to work in separate shifts.

The company reported several were fired into one of the buildings. No one was injured.

Union has

offered \$1,000 for information to arrest and conviction of persons who

business  
heads warn  
of Price Wars

Businessmen, acting by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, "fair trade" decision can lead to "disturbances" in lending," warned

Businessmen have started to voice their views since the court last Friday that fair trade agreements were not enforceable on sellers who did not sign them. These were on whiskey, razor blades, dentists' goods and other items. Details were reported in Oklahoma City, Chicago, New Orleans, San Antonio, and other cities.

Businessmen's agreements had been formed to prevent just such unfair competition. But the court's decision, ruling out the controls under state laws, the manufacturer to meet with one of the 100 cities, which all retailers are required to observe.

Businessmen of the most important national associations, including the court decision, "fair trade" decision for the small business, and the ruling for con-

tinuation of the American business meeting.

Businessmen were especially concerned about the big follow-

ing day.

Businessmen, drug stores, and other full-service stores, were especially popular. The new "fair trade" decision, which is to be applied to all drug stores, will be followed by a

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## SOCIETY

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Calendar

Monday, May 28

Mrs. Edwin Stewart will present her grade school and junior high school piano pupils in recital Monday evening, May 28 at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The public is invited.

Monday, May 28

Workers Sunday School Class of the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Monday) at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Ruth Taylor, N. Hervey St., with Mrs. J. J. Roberts as co-hostess.

Tuesday, May 29

VFW and VFW Auxiliary will have a cleanup picnic at the Hut Tuesday, May 29. The VFW members will meet at 5 p. m. and clean up the grounds and auxiliary members will bring pot luck and have a picnic at 7 p. m.

Wedding Announced

Formal announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Fay Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reed of Nashville, to Billy Pettit of Hope.

The nuptial vows were exchanged in the home of the officiating minister, Reverend E. D. Galloway, in Hope Saturday, April 28.

The bride chose a white sheer crepe dress with navy accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Pettit will make their home in Hope, where the bridegroom is employed in the laundry business. He is a graduate of Hope high school. Mrs. Pettit was a member of the present sophomore class of Nashville high school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Tarver of Emmet Entertained by P. T. A.

The Emmet P. T. A. entertained with a buffet supper Friday night, May 25 in the high school cafeteria honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Tarver.

The tables were centered with arrangements of pink roses and white daisies.

In appreciation of their six years of loyal service to the school and community, Mr. and Mrs. Tarver were presented with an electric percolator.

Seventy-five guests were present.

## Personal Mention

Fayetteville—Annual initiation banquet of the Beta Gamma Sigma, scholastic honor society in the University of Arkansas College of Business Administration, will be held Sunday in honor of 18 new members among whom is Archie D. Malone of Hope. Members are elected to the organization on a basis of exceptional scholarship.

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place to work. Apply Manager  
Diamond Cafeteria, 23-31.

**MAN WANTED**

ELECTROLUX Corp. has an opening  
in this territory for an am-  
bitious man, who wishes to in-  
crease his income. We have a  
complete line of cleaners, polish-  
ers, and household supplies.

Some of our men earn over \$300.00  
per month, or supply sales alone.  
MAN accepted must have car, and  
be of good character. Sales ex-  
perience not necessary.

For interview call  
300-W Arkadelphia,  
Off White.

Mary F. Mann,  
1402 10th, Arkadelphia, Ark.

WANTED another checker woman  
with High School education.  
Cook's White Star Laundry. 25-31.

**For Rent**

DUPLEX for Rent. Possession  
Immediately, 404 West 5th Street,  
See Bill Laha or wife, Mrs.  
Hubert Turman, Abbeville, South  
Carolina. 23-31.

HOUSE for rent on West 3rd Street  
Eleven blocks out. Call 300-28-31.

**Lost or Strayed**

ONE light red cow with short  
stubby horns. Left A. M. Hulsey  
Farm, one mile east of Wash-  
ington, about 10 days ago. Any  
information regarding the where-  
abouts notify A. M. Hulsey.  
33-31.

Saleman Wanted

WOMAN WEEKLY & up on your own  
wholesale road lubiling business.  
No investment necessary. Selling  
wholesale to merchants. Dry  
Goods, Auto Supplies, Cigars,  
Candies, Drugs, Toys, Cosmetics  
Watches, Gift Items, School Sup-  
plies, etc. Territory available  
Hempstead, Nevada & Howard  
& Nevada Counties. Write for  
details or help a friend or relative  
by giving him or her this  
ad. H. L. Blake, Little Rock,  
Ark. 23-31.

**Notice**

For Lease  
NEW BELLEVILLE  
SERVICE STATION  
See  
J. W. PERKINS  
Distributor  
Phone 417-W

**Wanted**

SOME one to put up 200 acres of  
good hay on share basis. Lee  
Norris, 8 miles north on old  
highway 20. 24-31.

Male Help Wanted

Due to expansion we need two  
more men to fall on farmers.  
Experience not necessary. Home  
work with references required.  
Address Mr. H. K. Griffith,  
1010 Clark Street, Texarkana,  
Arkansas. 24-31.

**Lost**

One old 200 lb. white-faced Help  
clipped left ear. Notify Wm.  
C. Atkinson, Arkadelphia. 24-31.

**Fair Enough**

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Tucson, Ariz., May 28 — Ralph  
Howard Alsup, the president of  
the central labor council of the  
American federation of labor for  
Clark county, which includes Las  
Vegas, and vice president of the  
Nevada state federation of labor,  
is a criminal underworld of the most  
dangerous type. He is now on 10,  
000 bail during his appeal from a  
jury verdict which held him guilty  
of shooting Ray Folsom, a ter-  
rorized rank-and-file painter, be-  
cause Folsom went to a union  
hall above a gambling house to  
intercede peacefully in favor of a  
friend who had been brought up  
on charges within the union. This  
crime was committed on Dec. 3  
1949. Alsup was explaining that  
situation to three officials of the  
painters' union when Alsup, whose  
home union is not the painters but  
the plumbers' union, butted in.  
Slugged him in the side of the  
head in the trial, last March.  
Folsom testified that James King,  
the business agent of the painters'  
union, shouted to Alsup to get out  
and pointed the way for him to  
escape. Folsom said he saw Alsup  
stop and pick out of the platter  
on the wall the bullet which had  
passed through his body.

Alsup has a long criminal re-  
cord. He rules the unfortunate sub-  
jects of his domain by physical  
terror and by persecution within  
the corrupt circle of the unions  
which he controls with the active  
co-operation of powerful Nevada  
politicians. Roger Foley, the  
oldest attorney of Clark county,  
who conducted the prosecution,  
obtained a report from the record  
clerk of the Texas prison system  
at Huntsville, Tex., stating that

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